

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SALUD FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Salud Family Health Centers on their 51st anniversary.

Salud Family Health Centers have been an integral part of the community for the past 51 years. Originally known as, "Plan de Salud del Valle", or "the health plan of the valley", they began as healthcare providers to field workers in Fort Lupton, Colo. Over the years, they have grown significantly, opening numerous locations across the front range and Denver metro region. Since 1970, Salud's commitment to people has remained their top priority. As a non-profit, Salud's goal is to provide healthcare to those in the community that would not otherwise have access to affordable, quality health services. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the service provided by Salud has been invaluable for our community and my heartfelt appreciation goes to all the Salud staff and healthcare workers for taking such good care of our community during this difficult time.

Congratulations to Salud Family Health Centers for 51 fantastic years, and I thank them for their numerous contributions to our community and state. We are lucky to have them in our community and wish them the best of luck in the coming years.

## CONGRATULATING MEDFORD LEAS ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Medford Leas on their 50th anniversary. Medford Leas is a retirement community with the mission of creating and advancing individual and community well-being for people aged 55 years and older.

For the past five decades, Medford Leas has provided valued high quality residential and healthcare services to older adults. While the community began in 1971, Medford Leas can trace its roots back to 1911 when local members of the Religious Society of Friends created a low-cost boarding house for elderly women.

Today, Medford Leas is a thriving community with an arboretum, a fitness and low vision center, and provides residents with access to adult college courses. While the community has expanded over the last five decades, Medford Leas continues to be guided by the teachings and beliefs of its founders; qualities of peace and nonviolence, equality, and stewardship. These values are not only best personified by the daily interactions between

staff and residents, but also when the community took in twenty-one Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

Since I was elected to Congress in 2018, I have had the privilege of getting to know many of the residents of Medford Leas and have participated in numerous events in their community—both in person and virtually. They are always willing to go above and beyond to be good neighbors and truly care about their own community and others less fortunate. It is truly an honor to be their Representative in Congress.

On Medford Leas' 50th anniversary, I extend my best wishes to every staff member and resident of the Medford Leas community.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SWEENEY CHEVROLET BUICK DEALERSHIP

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish the Sweeney Chevrolet Buick Dealership a happy 100th year anniversary. One hundred years ago, Gene Hopper founded Stearns Motor Sales Company with Arthur Sweeney by his side. Through developing long standing relationships with both Buick and General Motors, Sweeney Dealership has become a trustworthy staple in the Youngstown community that expands four generations.

Over their first 100 years, Sweeney has become a symbol of car dealership excellence over the years. In 2017, they were chosen as the Chevrolet Dealer of the Year by Dealer Rater as well as once nominated for "TIME Dealer of the Year." Not only that, 2020 marked Sweeney's fifteenth time receiving General Motor's Mark of Excellence Award for 2020. Despite the ongoing pandemic and the necessary changes to limit physical contact last year, their ability to reach this achievement is a testament to the level of care for their fellow neighbor. With only 10 percent of GM dealers receiving this award, Sweeney's ability to win for the fifteenth time serves as proof for their level of excellence.

Over the years, the dealership has also given back to the community that has gotten them this far. Sweeney has donated an estimated amount of \$200,000 dollars each year to the community, along with setting aside \$50 dollars from each car sold in the month of December in partnership with Operation Santa.

We, therefore, recognize the Sweeney Chevrolet Buick Dealership on its 100th anniversary, and wish them all the best as they embark into their second century as a steward of the Youngstown community and the state of Ohio.

## MAKI DELAET

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maki DeLaet of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's Member of the Year Award and the City of Wheat Ridge's Special Recognition City Award.

The Member of the Year Award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge Business Association for their continued work both with the organization and the community as a whole. The Special Recognition City Award is given to a person or organization in Wheat Ridge who exemplifies outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community and aims to recognize them for their achievement. As President of the Wheat Ridge Business Association since 2018, Maki has contributed a significant amount of time to the organization and the larger Wheat Ridge community. Along with her work with the association, Maki is a successful leader in business with her company, EduCyber.

Congratulations to Maki for her well-deserved recognition, and I thank her for her contributions to our community.

## RECOGNIZING THE RENAISSANCE VETERANS APARTMENTS AT FITZSIMONS IN AURORA, COLORADO

### HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Renaissance Veterans Apartments at Fitzsimons in Aurora, Colorado, for receiving the 2021 Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award by demonstrating one of the most impactful uses of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit—the primary tool to build new affordable homes for the most vulnerable populations in Colorado and the Nation.

As you know, our Nation's lack of affordable housing has reached crisis levels in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Colorado alone, over 175,000 renters pay more than half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation, and food, let alone education or retirement savings.

However, using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, Renaissance Veterans Apartments built 59 new affordable homes in order to house and provide quality services to veterans who were formerly unhoused or are living with physical disabilities.

I applaud the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, National Affordable Housing Trust, Colorado Division of Housing, City of Aurora,

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Home Depot, and all who made Renaissance Veterans Apartments possible, and I thank them for serving our community.

# REMEMBERING RICHARD TRUMKA

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, Richard Trumka dedicated his life to elevating workers in America. During his tenure as President of AFL-CIO, he proudly represented the interests of more than 12 million union members, fighting with unbridled passion and persistence to achieve fair hours, living wages, and better working conditions for all. Every American, union member or not, owes him a debt of gratitude for his tireless advocacy and commitment to building a more equitable, more just workforce and economy.

Richard was a remarkable leader. This is evident from the enormous legacy of accomplishment he leaves behind and by the respect he garnered from the people he worked with and on behalf of. I had the immense privilege of knowing Richard on a personal level. And as exceptional of a leader as he was, he was an equally exemplary person—one who was deeply committed to his family, his community, and his country. That kind of selflessness defined Richard's life and career—that same spirit will define his legacy, too.

Richard was taken from us entirely too soon. And there are no words to ease the pain of this tragic loss, especially for his family and loved ones. But Richard will never truly leave us. His legacy will live on for generations to come, as a shining example of leadership and true public service. May his memory be a blessing.

KATE COOKE

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kate Cooke of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2021 Special Recognition City Award.

The Special Recognition City Award is given to a person or organization in Wheat Ridge who exemplifies outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community. Kate has exemplified these qualities and more with her work as a champion of small business. By helping to grow local small businesses, Kate has helped contribute to what makes Wheat Ridge unique while also benefiting our local economy and enhancing our community.

Congratulations to Kate Cooke for her contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

IN RECOGNITION OF AVOCA BOROUGH ON ITS SESQUICENTENIAL

## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Avoca Borough, Pennsylvania as its residents celebrate its 150th anniversary of incorporation.

On May 24, 1871, Avoca Borough, then known as Pleasant Valley, was officially incorporated after splitting from the nearby Pittston Township. Governed by three councilmen, Pleasant Valley was a booming community with four railroads, four churches, a board of trade, a school, and a fire company.

In 1889, residents wanted to move the Marr Post Office to a more central location in the community. With another borough in the Commonwealth already claiming the name Pleasant Valley, the United States Postal Service rejected their request, but the citizens were undeterred. They requested a name change to Avoca through the Luzerne County Court after the Avoca Hose Company. The court granted their request, and the name was officially changed.

The twentieth century saw growth and prosperity for Avoca, and as the population grew, so did the needs of the community. In 1905, a group of Avoca's most enterprising citizens met to discuss the need for a town bank, and on April 1, 1907, the First National Bank of Avoca opened on Main Street. In the early 1920s, schools were struggling to accommodate the number of students due to a steadily increasing population. In 1925, the Avoca School Board finalized plans for a four-year high school building, which was completed in time for the 1926 school year.

Avoca has always been home to patriotic Americans who valiantly served their country and sought to give back to their community. In 1931, a group of ex-service members organized the American Legion McPhillips-Widdall Post, and in 1946, Avoca veterans formed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8335. Both organizations supported civic and athletic programs in Avoca.

Like many communities in the area, coal mining was the primary driver of the local economy. Many residents supported their families with careers in the mines, but the industry proved to be unsustainable. As the coal mining industry began to decline in the 1940s, the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport was constructed, which would become a flourishing regional hub for travel throughout the Northeast. Through the 1950s, the anthracite coal mining industry continued its decline, forcing Avoca residents to relocate for more viable employment.

Today, Avoca remains a tight-knit community with thriving local businesses and a true small-town atmosphere. I am honored to join with Mayor Bob Mullen, Parade Grand Marshals Chris Van Luvender and Bob Matthews, Anniversary Committee President Kelly O'Brien, and all the residents of Avoca in celebrating the Borough's 150th anniversary. May the Borough continue to see growth and prosperity over the next 150 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, due to a personal matter, I missed a vote on September 20, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 262.

EUGENE KAHNG

## HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eugene Kahng of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the City of Wheat Ridge's Annual Council Partnership Award.

The award is given to a member of the Wheat Ridge community that has demonstrated dedication, service and leadership to the local community. Eugene owns and manages the Colorado + brew pub in Wheat Ridge, which has become a favorite among Wheat Ridge residents since its opening. Eugene's contribution to the community will be recognized by members of the Wheat Ridge City Council during the awards reception.

Congratulations to Eugene Kahng for his contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING JOHN AND TASHA HOLBEN AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

## HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 21, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John and Tasha Holben, letter carriers for the United States Postal Service and proud union members, as Iowans of the Week. John has faced the rain, wind, heat, and snow for 37 years to ensure the residents of Council Bluffs receive their mail in a timely manner. His wife, Tasha, has done the same for 17 years. I am proud to honor their dedication and years of service.

Working families like John and Tasha's keep Iowa's communities strong. They put in the hours every week to get the job done, serving their neighbors and advocating for fellow workers along the way. As letter carriers in southwest Iowa—where so many families rely heavily on the mail for critical needs like prescription drugs, income, and supplies for their small business—the impact of their efforts is amplified.

John and Tasha are long-time members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC). John has been a member of the union his entire career, serving in various leadership roles for NALC Branch 314 such as president, officer, Sergeant at Arms, and now trustee. Tasha has also been an active member of Branch 314 and has served in several officer roles. As active union leaders, they've helped bargain collectively for decent wages